ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A system and method for managing state information between processes in different domains, and, more particularly, to software, systems and methods for determining and updating state information using hypertext transfer protocol (HTTP) cookies. A state management server manages priority information based on the priority of content requested by a user agent from a number of different domains. In a preferred embodiment, domain-specific state information is collected by a plurality of front-ends operating in dynamically assigned domains, and reported to the state management server which operates in a statically assigned domain. Preferably, the state management server causes the global priority information to be stored on a client device, such as a computer, in the form of a global cookie.